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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Another year is drawing to a close. It is with sincere pleasure that we extend our best wishes to our many subscribers, friends and patrons, our best wishes for the year 1924. Nothing could please us more to find at the closing of 1924 that all had been happy and that all had bountifully prospered. We hope this may come true.

1923 has been a busy one for us and that is only because of the patronage that has been accorded us. We are duly grateful and trust that we may continue to merit your support. We have tried to be courteous and kind to every person who has entered our office; and we have tried to worthily support every honest public effort. The citizens of Crawford deserve this support from us and we trust we may never be found wanting.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

HUNDREDS GIVEN XMAS CHEER

SANTA DISTRIBUTES PRESENTS WITH LAVISH HANDS

But Few Homes With Children Are Overlooked.

Upon invitation of the Grayling Board of Trade Old Santa Claus visited Grayling in a manner that he had never equalled before. Practically every home in Grayling where there were children under the age of eight years received a visit from Kris Kringle. Candies, nuts and popcorn were left at every place, and several places desirable presents were left.

When he arrived in town and looked over his list of "Good" children he found that his 200 presents of toys, dolls, games and other articles would not be enough. At once he got busy and soon had a lot more provided and counted them up and found that there were just 330 articles. He called in some of the members of the Board of Trade to help him wrap packages and all day Sunday many hands were busy wrapping and addressing packages.

Santa had this done at George Burke's garage, because he said George was just about the size of a Santa Claus and if he had long whiskers he would make a dandy one. Besides Mr. Burke gave him several hundred pounds of candy, popcorn balls and nuts with which to fill the large stockings.

Then it took a lot of scheming to get the packages arranged in such a manner that the right one could be found when they reached the homes of the boys and girls. Fred Welsh let Santa take a couple of the flooring mill Ruggles trucks for delivering the packages.

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GAVE HEALTH PLAY.
Use of Toxin-anti-toxin as Protection Against Diphtheria.

To call attention to the use of Toxin-anti-toxin as a preventive for diphtheria, a little health play was given Wednesday evening of last week in the school auditorium. It was a health story dramatized.

The characters were as follows: Mrs. Brown, who doesn't believe in new fangled notions and her son Fred Brown, who in the last act dies of diphtheria.

Mrs. Black, who is her neighbor and follows her advice, and her daughter Jean, who recovers from diphtheria but with a weak heart as a result.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Green, and their children, who decide to find out the truth from the Doctor and follow his advice. As a result their children are spared the sickness.

The figures were: Ignorance—Asgrid Ahman, and Death—Maxine Collens, who beckon the unwise parents to them; Wisdom—Beulah Collens and Mother, Love—Lucinda Collens, who guide the wise ones. The Health Officer, who removes the diphtheria signs, and children from the lower grades.

The prologue was a talk-on protection against diphtheria, given by Dr. Bright (Donald Reynolds). This talk was written up from authorities and approved by the doctor here.

The Prologue:

Ladies and Gentlemen: It is my privilege to read to you this paper on diphtheria and the protection against it. Do you know that 40 years ago it was not an unusual thing for a whole family to be swept off of all its children?

In 1890 Bechring and Sistler discovered anti-toxin and since then, if it is given in time, most cases recover.

If it is given the 1st day 97 per cent recover, if the second day 90 per cent and on the 3rd day 85 per cent recover.

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VICTOR SALLING PASSED AWAY

DEATH CAUSED BY CANCER WHILE IN DETROIT HOSPITAL.

Was One of Grayling's Best Known Citizens.

Grief and sadness replaced the usual Christmas spirit among the family and friends of Victor E. Salling, when a message came Friday noon, December 21 telling of the death of Mr. Salling at Harper Hospital that morning. Not only over the family and intimate friends of the deceased but over the entire town, did the shadow of death cast its grief and its gloom, because the man who was loved and admired by all who knew him.

Mr. Salling had not been feeling well all summer and fall, but he did not leave his work until November 30. From that time on he was under constant medical care. December 17 he was taken to Harper Hospital in Detroit, accompanied by Mrs. Salling and Dr. C. R. Keyport, where he died late in the forenoon of Friday, December 21. The remains were brought to Mr. Salling's home in Grayling where they remained until burial, Monday afternoon, December 24.

Funeral services were held at the Salling home for the family and intimate friends of the deceased, after which services were held at the Danish-Lutheran church. Rev. Kjelde and Rev. J. Herman Baughn of the Michelson Memorial church offered prayer in English and Danish. The Danish Lutheran choir rendered three selections in Danish—"Jesus Kom Dog Næ Til Mig,"—"Doden Er Den Sidste Fjende," and "Dejlig, En Jorden." Mrs. Roy Milnes sang, "And I Shall See Him Face to Face." Those who mourned the deceased were Mrs. Victor Salling, wife; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meistrup of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Davidson of Bay City; Miss Kristine Salling of Ypsilanti; Mrs. John Pettit and Miss Marion Salling of Grayling. Others from out of town who attended the funeral were Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Routier of Detroit. Many beautiful wreaths and sprays were sent by relatives and friends in memory of the deceased.

Victor Emanuel Christian Salling was born in Skanderborg, Denmark, January 28, 1858. He was the only son of Christian Salling, a Danish merchant. He grew to manhood in Skanderborg, Denmark, and was educated in Danish schools. At that time there were many young men leaving Denmark and coming to America, among whom were some friends and relatives of Mr. Salling. The letters and news of America that came back persuaded Mr. Salling to try his fortune in the new country. In August, 1887 the three weeks trip across the Atlantic was made. After spending a month in Manistee, he came to Grayling where with exception of one year spent in Standish, he has since resided.

One year after Mr. Salling's arrival in America his sweetheart, Kristine Hanson came from Denmark to Grayling, where she and Mr. Salling were united in marriage in September, 1888.

Six children were born, five daughters, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Spencer Meistrup of Detroit; Marion, Elsie, now Mrs. John Pettit; Louise, now Mrs. Gordon Davidson of Bay City; and Kristine, who is attending the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti and one son, Christian who died in infancy.

Mr. Salling was for some time manager of the Salling Hanson Co., department store and later manager of that company's hardware store, the position he held at the time of his death. He has been a well known resident of Grayling for many years. He was a nephew of the late N. P. Salling, senior partner of the firm of Salling Hanson company. He is also survived by two sisters, Antiette Klock of Shive, Denmark and Mrs. Olga Reutoff of Hammett, Denmark.

The memory of Mr. Salling will long be revered by his family, and many friends.

year about one half million children had received it. When it was born the death in N. Y. City from diphtheria were nearly 1200 a year and in 1922 they were only a little over 500.

Some people are naturally immune. If a mother is immune her child will be immune for about one year. From one to three years all children are apt to take diphtheria. This is the most dangerous period of their lives. Year by year as they grow older a greater percentage of them develop their own immunity.

Nevertheless one half of the children do not develop this immunity and are therefore apt to take diphtheria. The Schick test will prove whether they are immune or not. The toxin-anti-toxin will give them immunity for a period of years, probably for life. It is given in three very small doses one week apart.

It is being given in cities and villages and rural communities. See that your child gets it.

The play opened with a neighborly discussion on the way home from the lecture.

In the second act the children were shown being given the toxin-anti-toxin by the Doctor as they passed in line before him.

The last act showed the homes of Mrs. Black where Jean is just convalescing and her mother is condoling Mrs. Brown on the loss of her boy by the same disease.

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THE RED LOCK

A Tale of the Flatwoods.

By DAVID ANDERSON
Author of "The Blue Moon"
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"SOME LOOKER"

STORY.—On the banks of the Wabash stand Texie Colin and Jack Warhope, young and very much in love. Texie is the only daughter of old Pap Simon, a man of many misfortunes. Texie is the orphan boy of Pap Simon, who had foreclosed a mortgage on the Warhope estate.

At first Texie and Jack talk daily of Ken, the girl's missing brother. Then Jack says that in ten days he will set out into his big world to seek his fortune. Both know what that will mean to them. Texie and Jack talk of the red lock of "Red Col," inherited by Ken. And Jack says he's coming back as soon as he finds "gold" in California. Texie, the new preacher, Rev. Caleb Hopkins, Pap Simon introduces the "villagers" to the new preacher, who was a college mate of Ken. At supper at the Colin home the preacher tells how the boy killed a gambler and disappeared. His fall from grace to the red lock of hair. Then Pap Simon has a sort of stroke, brought on by reading a letter from Ken, "somewhere in New York," who curses his father on his death bed. A postscript by another hand says he is dead.

CHAPTER IV

The Room Was Deadly Still.

Buckeye was the capital of the Flatwoods. Snugly away in a pocket of the bluffs where Eagle run breaks into the valley of the Wabash, it never woke up but once—when a rumor trickled in from somewhere that a railroad was headed that way. But the rumor subsided. Buckeye went back to sleep, and the big world forgot that it was there.

Zeke Pollek's general store was the largest in the place. Zeke sold everything, from onion sets to grindstones, including whisky—barrels of it, from "squirrel," to mellow old "Bourbon"—right from the spigot. A flatwoodsman could buy it as he wanted it, from a drink to a jugful, but "furners" had to be identified to get it in quantities less than a quart—an identification quite as exacting, though of a different sort, as that required to borrow money from Simon Colin—which is another way of saying that a man's face went as far in the Flatwoods as his note.

In the mellow evening of the day following the old banker's collapse over the remarkable letter—no syllable of which had been allowed to get beyond the red-roofed cottage—Uncle Nick Wiffles, a tall, iron-gray old man with twinkling eyes, sat smoking a quite meditative pipe in the chair of the store.

It was a variegated company that gathered around him in the dim half-light of the feeble coal-oil lamp, with its charred wick and smoke-stained chimney. There was Zeke Pollek, the postmaster and proprietor of the store, a little old rag of a man; Al Counterman, a one-eyed fisherman, with a complexion like a smoke-dried bacon end; the blacksmith, with his hard arms, and hands so heavy that he could hold a piece of iron hot enough to sizzle water. Village loafers—there—aimless, dolesome drifters who had nowhere else to go.

Besides these, Lige Belden, said to be Kentucky mountain man, tall, lanky and just comfortably in his prime, with a reddish-sandy mustache and goatee, leaned on the end of the counter nearest the door. Little was known of him except that he and his sister had lately moved into an old cabin on one of Simon Colin's farms up at the head of Eagle hollow, and

his duty, an' what the taxpayers back there's come from 'r payin' 'im fr." "Duty 'n' no duty," rejoined the fisherman, "it's a darn good sign!" "All the same," snapped the postmaster, "if I had a gal—which I ain't got, n'a never had—I wouldn't want 'er throwed with 'im like Sime Collin's gal is, an' she shouldn't be, either."

"Aw, well, Zeke," drawled Uncle Nick, "if she stuck after 'er daddy in looks, I reckon they wouldn't be no great danger."

The raucous laugh that followed from the crowd jarred the postmaster.

"I don't care, what y'd say," he shrilled in his high, thin voice, "Texie Collin's got good looks enough, if that's what y'u want. I dunno what Sime Collin's a-thinkin' about. It ain't like 'im, I take in a testostular furriner that—a-way, preacher 'r no preacher—don't care if he was a classmate o' Ken's. That ain't no recommend, nohow—bein' a classmate o' Ken's—fr he was as orn' as the devil makes 'em. They're bound to be throwed, t'gether mornin' theyough' t' be."

"Ain't much more'n a kid, nuther, the blacksmith remarked, apparently thoughtfully impressed, as he searched his pockets for a match.

"Son'er's around seventeen 'r eighteen."

The postmaster glanced across at Uncle Nick, as if for confirmation of his statement. The old man took the

trifl above medium; well set up; lithe and graceful—and his face—nothing short of handsome, only for a certain air of peering severity.

To look at him as he entered the door—six feet of lithe young manhood smothering under his ascetic, not to say somber, vestiture—one would never have guessed that there was anything wrong with his health, and yet that was precisely what had brought him to the Flatwoods.

And now as he walked past Lige Belden slouched against the counter, he stopped and stood staring curiously at him.

Belden seemed on the point of representing the look, when the Reverend Caleb quickly turned away, and with a nod passed the group 'round Uncle Nick and went on to the post office window at the rear of the room.

"What d' you say we ask 'im 't' long," whispered Al Counterman to Uncle Nick as the young minister stood waiting for Zeke Pollek to adjust his dirty spectacles on his thin nose, turn up the smoky lamp and laboriously sort over the meager bunch of letters and postcards.

"You da-sun," Uncle Nick answered gruffly.

"Watch me, an' y'll see—whether I don't, I ain't afeared of no person."

"Mr. Hopkins," he called a moment later, stepping in front of the young preacher as he passed toward the door, "a passel of us fellers is goin' a-sellin' up around Alpine Island in the mornin'. I reckon y'u wouldn't like to go long, 'n' nothin', would y'u?" "Who are going, did you say?"

"Oh, me an' Uncle Nick, that, an' Big Jack Warhope."

"I have promised to be at the social tomorrow evening at the schoolhouse, which, I am informed, is always held in celebration of the last day of school. Do you expect to return in time for that?"

"Aw, we'll be back by noon, easy." "Let me see," pondered the preacher, not willing to compromise his dignity by appearing overcautious. "This is Wednesday; tomorrow is Thursday—I believe I may safely allow myself this recreation. I shall be most happy to avail myself of your kind invitation."

The fisherman stood fingering his hat and staring at the door long after the minister had passed out, the twinkle gone from his puckered one eye, a puzzled look on his smoked bacon rind of a face.

"Well, I'll be derked! Wouldn't that sing yur whiskers! I dunno yit whether he said 'e'd come or not."

Uncle Nick threw his head back and fairly roared, while the postmaster rumped up his dry countenance into a half begrimed grin.

"Course he said 'e'd come. What yus you-brung up at? Didn't yu hyur 'im say he'd 'all himself of yur kind invitation? Course he's calculating 't come. Zeke, we'll haft git Al a new spellin' book an' start 'im t' school next fall."

"Well," muttered the fisherman, as his face cleared and the twinkle came back to his waggish one eye, "all I got t' say is: he can use up more diction ary a'sayin' yes than any man I ever heard. But ain't e'some looker-burrin' that killin' rig he's habbled up in?"

"Most too good-lookin'," piped Zeke. "Aw, dunno, Zeke," Uncle Nick observed, "taint goin' t' hurt 'im none. Only drawback I can see is: it's a pity t' waste all them good looks on a preacher."

"Anyhow," put in Al, his rakish eye dancing at Uncle Nick's remark, "if he was ugly enough t' tree the devil up a thorn bush, I don't know if he's prechin' none. An' I reckon he shore must be some preacher, 'e' he wouldn't be where 'e' is—teachin' in a college that makes preachers. I bet yu he can cipher plum' through any rettmetic you can hand 'im, an' they say he's posted on purt high everthing that's goin' on, 'e' ever went on."

"That ain't neither hyur n'r there," argued Zeke. "That ain't no more'n I never did git it."

"Aw, well, Zeke, don't worry none," Uncle Nick rejoined, "y'u've worried it eaten some other pore devil b' this time, more'n likely."

The blacksmith slapped his heavy hand down on his thigh, the others laughed, the fisherman's frisky eye twinkled, and he awoke merrily.

Zeke said never a word, but the expression in his little rat eyes might have meant any number of things.

The American Legion

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SUCCESS OF DISABLED MEN

Landreth Harrison of Minneapolis, American Legion Member, is One Prominent Example.

Landreth Harrison, of Minneapolis, Minn., a member of the American Legion and rehabilitation student under the care of the United States Veterans' Bureau, is one of the outstanding successes among the disabled ex-service men of the country, as he has become known as a specialist in international affairs.

Harrison, a lieutenant in the One Hundred and Fourth Aero Squadron, was discharged from service, suffering shell-shock. As he had already finished his college course, he was allowed to complete his studies, specializing in foreign trade relations with a view to entering the consular service. So excellent was his college work that on graduation he was awarded a fellowship in international law from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Only ten such fellowships are given each year. Lieutenant Harrison



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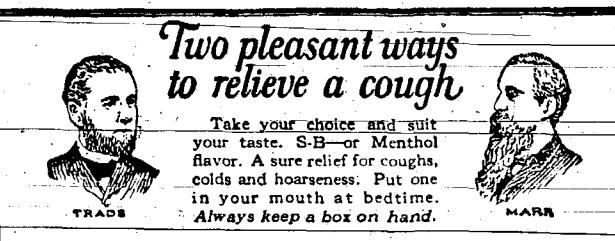
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Pat's Idea of Distance.

The motorists had driven a weary road in Ireland seeking the way to when this country's own forests are exhausted, must be abandoned, says the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture. Attention is called to the fact that this country is using up its forests four times as rapidly as they are being replaced.

Forest fires alone burn over 7,000,000 acres of forest land every year, destroying not only mature trees, but—

what is worse—the young growth as well.

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"Would you use some poetry?"

"Is it baled?"

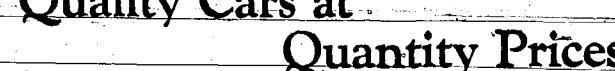
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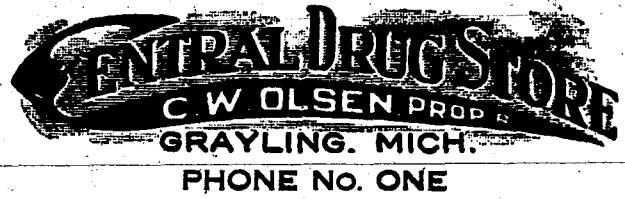
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Might the New Year bring Prosperity to our town and its people.



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SOLONS GO HOME WITHOUT PASSING REAPPORTIONMENT

FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS
ANY CONSTITUTIONAL BILLS
FOR REDISTRICTING.

After sixteen days of futile debates, solid against it. The House took even more unkindly

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For your Boy or Girl away at School or at work. For your Brother, Sister, Cousin, Uncle, Aunt, or any friend or relative who knows us folks Back Home.

Unless you've been in their position, you have no idea how they crave the news from back home—how eagerly they scan every line of the home paper.

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Poplar, White Pine, Birch, Bass
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Pealed and Unpeeled for
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to any proposal to give Wayne any more representatives, and thus reduce the rural representation. A bill to increase the Wayne county delegation in the House from 14 to 21, was defeated 64 to 32. Later this vote was reconsidered, but when an opinion was received from the Attorney General stating that the bill was plainly unconstitutional in two different respects, even the Detroit members turned against it and it went down in defeat 90 to 8.

Over-ride Speaker Welsh.

According to the rules of the House, a proposition which has been once defeated, then reconsidered and again defeated, cannot be brought up again without a suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds vote. Failing to secure this, the friends of the measure introduced a new bill, which was altogether very similar in substance to the defeated bill, still appeared in a new form, being submitted as an amendment to the old apportionment law. The defeated bill had been an attempt to enact an entirely new law on this subject. The speaker ruled that the new bill was in order because it was in a different form than the one sustained, 50 to 44. At this point another attempt was made to suspend the rules, but the vote stood 49 to 46 against it.

QUESTIONABLE INVESTMENTS.

The writer had occasion a few days ago to learn the actual financial condition of an old lady who thought she had investments worth \$3,000 to \$5,000. She will be quite fortunate if she has half the first mentioned sum, which figures luckily is likely to prove sufficient for her future comfort and mental security. The lady is 89 past. This situation is positively tragic, but in the case of many people it is the rule, a banker told us, rather than the exception. Like many old people who have had laid by something for their old age they usually start their early savings program by putting their money in safe investments. As they grow older they seem to lose their middle-life keenness in these matters and let the smooth stock salesman trade them out of their good holdings. They take too much for granted from strangers. Where they made a practice of consulting a banker or advisor in middle life they too often fail to follow the practice as they grow older in years and less keen in perception. Just now we think of one or two other local cases of old people who have been "jipped" out of their carefully created earnings. A law that no person past seventy could transfer their property or money without the approval of the probate court would save money a heartache and law suit. Law suits affecting the rights of old people who have deeded away their property for care are quite common, but the public little realizes what a common thing it is for old people to lose their money in worthless stocks.

Which brings up another point. Business men are too apt to allow their names to be used in the sale of stocks, etc. Stop that practice today; you may be buying a stock speculation—all stocks are such in their promotion stage—while the other person, who may be accepting your business judgment on the offering, wants an investment for her little savings—something about which there can be no doubt, like high grade bonds, and in this case your house; farm mortgages or government issues, of which there are several, and all the best security in the world. In other words, be careful about endorsing a financial stock proposition that is still in the promotion stage. You would be surprised to know how freely and effectively stock salesmen use your name to earn their commissions. And it is well enough to always have in mind that the interest this transient has in your welfare is confined exclusively to the commissions involved in the sale. Don't buy because your pastor's uncle advised it—he may be splitting the commission with the salesman for giving the stock his approval. Keep off the dotted line unless you know exactly what you are doing and then you had better wait until tomorrow and talk it over with any banker, who will be glad to advise you, or some person in whom you have reason to have confidence. —De Foe, in Charlotte Republican.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Michelson Memorial church will meet at the home of Mrs. E. N. Darveau, Friday, January 4, 1924.

Red Coral Long Traded In. Trade in red coral with the Far East began in very remote times. It is mentioned in a poem by the Chinese poet Yung Pai, who died in 117 B. C. and in the time of the Han dynasty. About 200 years later a traveler was sent from China to report on the coral fishery of the Mediterranean sea. At a later date it was introduced into the Chinese materia medica.

Reinach described the trade with the Celtic races in pre-Roman times. Specimens have been found in Britain and Ireland. The Romans stopped the trade with the Celtic races, however, in order to send the coral to India in exchange for frankincense, myrrh, and precious stones.

ANCESTORS OF THE NECKLIE.

The necklace came into use as something with which to warm the neck in cold weather. The ruff was the forerunner of the bit of color that is known at a man's throat today.

After the ruff came neckcloths of Brussels lace, which were at one time worn so long that the ends were tucked in the waistcoat. Later a broad silk ribbon was worn and the grandfather of the lace came to wear a cravat which passed twice around the collar. The modern scarf made its appearance about forty years ago.

SOME WASHER



First Onlooker—She abo' do' lub work—she washes morn an' night.
Second Onlooker—Washes mornan'-night? She doan wash nothin' but clothes.

HANG THE LUCK



Mr. Putterkin—What you standing around here for? Get out and see if you can find that ball. I didn't see where it went.
Caddy—Beg pardon, sir, but that was a mushroom you lofed.

PLAYING SAFE



"Why do you carry your cigars with you if you've sworn off smoking? Don't you know it's just a temptation to smoke?"

"Not at all. I left my matches home so I wouldn't be tempted."

OTHER CHILDREN THERE



Author—This article is the child of my brain.

Editor—Drop your child in that waste basket.

AND SOME GRIT



"That grocer has failed twice and is going to start again."

"Sure; he's got plenty of sand."

DOWN TO BED ROCK



Officer—Hi! Whatta you asleep in the road for?

Tramp—Dis is de road-bed, ain't it?

PROPERLY NAMED



"Wonder why this army journal is called simply The Magazine?"

"Full of military articles, I suppose."

Don't put your auto away for the winter without special fire insurance. Attractive rates; sound policies. Palmer Fire Insurance Agency, Avalanche office.

GETTING UP NIGHTS

There are those who are fond of getting up at night. But the author does not care for it.

CITY OF WASHINGTON UNIQUE

Cosmopolitan Yet Distinctly American
Is the Capital of the United
States of America.

During its history with a territorial form of government, the District of Columbia had two governors, Governor Cook and Governor Shepherd. President Grant appointed Governor Shepherd and stood by the governor in all the furious attacks made upon him in the stormy political strife that prevailed in the District of Columbia when the people had the vote.

The attacks upon Governor Shepherd became so fierce that he left the District after congress had killed the territorial form of government and established the present form; three commissioners appointed by the President; a District of Columbia committee, in both house and senate, was created and passes upon appropriations, schools and all matters pertaining to the government of the District and the city of Washington. There is no city in which the people of North, South, East and West meet and congregate as they do in Washington. Every accent in speech, and the colloquialisms of every state are heard there. Practically every nationality and country of the world is represented in Washington in the 34 embassies and legations of foreign countries. But Washington is distinctly an American city in the make-up of its population. Practically all the officials, government clerks and employees are Americans born and come from every state. —Ex-charge.

LOVE STORY MADE IMMORTAL

Romance of Elaine, the "Lily Maid of Astolat," Subject of Great Verses by Tennyson.

Elaine, "the lily maid of Astolat," loved Sir Lancelot, but was not loved in return. Sir Lancelot was sworn to celibacy, and in addition his interest was centered in Guinevere, the queen. Elaine, realizing the hopelessness of her passion, died of a broken heart. In accordance with her last request her body, clad in white, and resting on the bed on which she died, was placed on a barge and guided by an old dumb servitor to King Arthur's palace. In her right hand was placed a lily, and in her left hand a letter declaring her love. When the "dead steered by the dumb" reached the palace wharf, the king requested that the body be brought ashore. The letter was then read, and the departed buried in a manner befitting a queen. On the tomb was inscribed the sad narrative of Elaine's unrequited passion.

The story is derived from Sir Thomas Malory's history of Prince Arthur, and has been told in blank verse by Tennyson, forming one of the "Idylls of the King."

EARLY DAYS OF THE UNITED STATES

Virtuous early geographers of the United States did not confine their unflattering portrayals to lands across the sea. Benjamin Davies, in 1813, had this to say about his own country in "Manners and Customs in the United States."

"Travelers have observed a want of urbanity, particularly in Philadelphia; and in all the capital cities an eager pursuit of wealth, by adventurous speculations in commerce, by land-jobbing, banks, insurance offices and lotteries. The multiplication of inns, taverns and dram shops is an obvious national evil that calls loudly for legislative interference; for in no country are they more numerous or more universally baneful. Schools are spread everywhere through the well-settled parts of the country, yet the domestic regulation of children and youth is not duly regarded."

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 25 cts. There are about six words to the line.

SEND MONEY WITH ORDER

FOR SALE OR RENT—GOOD work horse, 7 years old, weight 1100. Anyone interested, address Fred Belmore, Eldorado, Mich.

MEN: WANTED TO CUT WOOD. Good prices. Inquire at Avalanche Office.

MIDDLE AGE LADY WANTED for housework. Henry Wallace, corner Cedar and Ogemaw Streets.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT, full cement basement, bath, electric lights, hot water heating system. An exceptional bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS for rent. Inquire of Mrs. George Miller.

GENERAL CLEANING AND WASHING wanted. Mrs. Geo. Taylor, 2nd door south of Mercy Hospital. Good reference.

LOST—SATURDAY AFTERNOON, a brown velour hand bag between the Claud. Glisan residence and Nelson's Gas. Station, or between the latter place and the Peter Larson home on the South side. Contained a set of linen doilies, some papers and a sum of money. Kindly leave at Avalanche office.

STRAYED—A BLACK AND WHITE Holstein cow, about Thursday, December 13, from our home six and one half miles east of Grayling. Please notify Harley Diltz, Grayling.

WANT TO HEAR FROM OWNER having farm for sale, give particular and lowest price. John J. Black, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. 12-20-3.

FOR SALE—A CECILIAN PIANO Player. Cheap for cash. With bench, cabinet and 88 rolls. Phone Avalanche office for particulars. Attaches to any style of piano. 11-29-6.

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Ladies' Dresses

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\$11.98 worth \$18.50

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For
Christmas
and
New Year

Carnations, red and dark pink, per doz. \$1.75
Carnations, white and light pink, per doz. \$1.50

Few Chrysanthemums left in red and yellow at 50c, 75c and \$1.00 a bunch

Cyclamen plants, bright red, per plant, \$1 and \$1.50

White Narcissus in bloom, per plant, .35c to \$1.25

Primroses, per plant .35c

Lettuce, per pound .30c

Cut Flower Baskets, each from .75c to \$9.75

Red Wreaths for window decorations each 35 and 50c

Artificial Dahlias, Roses, Asters, Clover 15 and 25c

Artificial Fruit, boxes containing 2 clusters of grapes, 2 bananas, 2 plums, 2 apples, 2 pears, 1 orange, 1 peach, per box \$4.00

Grayling Greenhouses

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us as to our charges for acting in any of the following capacities:

Trustee or Assignee for creditors.

Trustee or Agent under private agreement

To care for, invest or disburse a fund created for any purpose.

To invest funds and pay the income.



Good Wishes for 1924

May it bring forth to you bounteous blessings and happiness and an abundance of prosperity. This is our sincere wish to the many patrons of this store.

You by your patronage, have helped to make our business a success. We are indeed grateful and extend our most sincere thanks.



Locals

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1923.

Clare Cameron is spending Christmas with friends in Grayling.

Miss Beatrice Fales spent Xmas in Beaver Falls the guest of her parents.

Silk dresses of latest design at Redson & Cooley's Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Get your party dress at Redson & Cooley's special sale, Friday, Saturday and Monday. New goods.

Mrs. Winifred Cohen of Detroit and Miss Helen Weinberg of Saginaw are guests of Mrs. A. Kraus.

Clarence and Carl Johnson are spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson.

Mrs. M. Cronover and her son Oscar Smith are spending the holidays with Mrs. Cronover's brother, Walter Smith at Alba.

Mrs. B. A. Cooley left Wednesday with her grandson Samuel Gust to spend a few days in Vanderbilt with her daughter.

Mrs. Grant Thompson and little son of Bay City are visiting for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Gothro.

Miss Mildred Corwin, who is attending the Mt. Pleasant Normal school this year is home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

John Phelps, who is attending the Flint Junior College, is spending a few days of his holiday vacation with Grayling friends, a guest while here of Herman Hanson.

Clifford Crane, physical instructor and basketball coach of our schools was called to Flint Friday by the very serious illness of his brother. Mrs. Crane accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNeven and daughter Gloria of Detroit are spending the holidays here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Olson and Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven.

Messrs Einer Rasmussen and Walter Miller motored up from Monroe and spent Saturday and Sunday, visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen and other relatives. We may all be going south for the winter without our knowledge.



Make it one in fact by becoming a steady customer at this store, where you receive courtesy, accommodation, protection and good fellowship. Take your rightful place among the substantial men and women of this community who appreciate good store service, and good groceries, purchasing from this store. We are here to serve you.

And now as this year comes to a close, we wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

H. PETERSEN
Grocer

Miss Irma Ostrander is the guest of Mrs. Earl Whipple and family.

William Anderson of Bay City spent Christmas in Grayling as the guest of John Brun.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Trudeau of Gaylord spent Christmas with Mr. Trudeau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jerome.

Miss Anna Nelson, who is employed in Grand Rapids spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson and family.

Donald Herrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrick drove through from Detroit Sunday to spend Xmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock are rejoicing over a real Christmas gift, a daughter, Wanda Marie, born Dec. 22 at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt and daughter of Cheboygan are spending the holidays with Mrs. Hewitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Routier and son Ralph, of Detroit are spending Christmas with Mrs. Routier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott, son Hanson and daughter Helen of Detroit are spending the holidays with Mrs. Wescott's mother, Mrs. J. K. Hanson.

Kenneth Cameron of Detroit is expected to arrive during the holidays to visit his mother and sister Mrs. Mary Cameron and Mrs. C. O. McCullough.

Misses Matilda and Helen Cook, Mr. Jacobson, and Mr. Pauson of Detroit and Harry Cook of Flint are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Cook.

Charles Fehr has been ill at his home since Friday of last week. He expects to leave for Detroit or Ann Arbor the latter part of the week for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams and family spent last week end in Bay City. They are entertaining Mrs. Adam's sister, Miss Edith Alstrom of Detroit and father, Leander Alstrom of Mancelona during the holidays. Mrs. C. R. Keypert was hostess to the Bridge club Saturday afternoon. Everyone had a very pleasant time. Miss Margaret Bauman held the highest score. Mrs. Ralph Routier of Detroit and Miss Doty of Grand Rapids were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Borchers returned Wednesday afternoon from Bay City where they spent Christmas with Lester McPeak and family. Their little nieces, Genevieve and Ada Jane McPeak accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Election of officers was held Thursday evening, Dec. 20th with following results: W. M. John Brun; S. W. John C. Yahr; J. W. H. G. Jarmin; Treas., R. D. Connine; Sec., Frank Sales; S. D. James Bowen; J. D. L. J. Kraus; Tyler, L. M. Mead.

Appropriate Christmas services were held in the Danish-Lutheran church on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas morning and large crowds were present at both services. There was special music by the choir and Rev. Kjolhede gave fine sermons.

Many children enjoyed the exercises given for the children of St. Mary's church in the hall over the Burke garage last Saturday evening was enjoyed not only by the children but a number of the parents also. The program was in charge of Mrs. Walter Nadeau. Each child received a stocking filled with candy and nuts.

An out-of-doors band concert was given by the local band the Friday night before Christmas; a mosquito made its appearance in the office Monday afternoon and trailing arbutus were picked in a swamp near Grayling last week-end. The weather is no longer to be taken as a matter of course.

The mild weather has enabled rapid

progress to be made on the new bridge

which is being constructed on the

main stream of the AuSable near

Stephan's club houses. This new

structure will prove a great benefit to

tourists and fishermen as it is one of

the only two bridges crossing the Au

Sable that give access to the many

haunts and clubs along the

stream.

William Schreiber spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schreiber, Sr.

Miss Lillian Smith of Detroit is

spending the holidays with her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith.

Melvin Bates left Monday for Pon-

tail where he will spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Ben Jerome.

Frank Tetu and family spent Xmas in West Branch visiting Mrs. Tetu's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

The stork beat Santa Claus by two

days when he delivered a baby girl

to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Matthews Dec.

23rd.

Ernest Duvall and family of Mon-

roe arrived Sunday morning to

spend Christmas visiting Mrs. Duv-

all's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Jorgenson.

Hans Petersen left Monday to spend

Christmas with his daughter Mrs.

James Olson and family of Oxford.

Mrs. Petersen left early last week for

that place.

M. R. Crowell spent Christmas with

his family, who are in East

Jordan. He was accompanied by

Ray Lee, who went there also to

spend Christmas.

Just before the Charity Ball—a

three day sale of silk dresses, Fri-

day, Saturday and Monday, New

stock just received.

Redson & Cooley.

C. J. Hathaway, Optometrist of

Pontiac is in Grayling at his old

stand for a couple of days. He ar-

rived yesterday and will remain un-

til tomorrow afternoon. While here

he is also calling on his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Adler Jorgenson left

Saturday night for Ypsilanti where

they spent Christmas with their son

Benton and family. Mr. Jorgenson

returned Tuesday night, Mrs. Jorgenson

remaining for a longer visit.

The Grayling Independents won

their first game of the basketball

season last Saturday night by de-

feating the Vanderbilt Tigers on the

home floor. The game was a purely

one-sided affair, the score being 38

and 8. There was not the crowd

present that usually attends the Inde-

pendents games, owing no doubt to

people doing late Christmas shopping.

It is hoped that there will be a good

crowd out at the next game which will

be played in the near future.

Everyone is looking forward to the

Charity Ball which will be the biggest

event of the holiday season in Gray-

ling. Preparations are being made

by the different committees to make

the party the finest possible. Plans

are being carried out to take care of

a large crowd and the high school

gymnasium will present a most at-

tractive appearance with its seasonal

decorations. Lunch will be serv-

ed without extra charge. Everyone

should take this opportunity to enter-

tain their guests. The tickets are on

sale now at \$1.50.

James Hanson and family, the fore-

part of the week, moved back into the

house on Peninsular avenue, which

they were forced to leave when fire

badly damaged the place in Septem-

ber. N. Schjeldt bought the ruined

building and had it repaired and re-

modeled in fine shape both inside and

outside.

Previous to the fire this was used

as a boarding and rooming house

for teachers and also furnished a fine

eating place for office employees and

clerks about town. Mrs. Hanson as-

sisted by her daughter Mrs. Ralph

Hollowell will resume serving meals

and letting rooms.

The usual Christmas services were

held at St. Mary's church. The al-

ters with the lighted tapers amid a

profusion of pine boughs and clus-

ters of poinsettia and red carnations

were beautiful. For the midnight

mass the hymnal was rendered by

Mrs. Marius Hanson, Miss Lu-

elle Hanson, Mrs. Frank Tetu, A. E.

Mason, Alfred Hughes and Joseph

Cassidy. Every seat in the church

was filled and there were a large

number of communicants. Rev. Fr.

Bosler delivered an appropriate ser-

mon. At the eight o'clock mass on

Christmas morning the girls choir

under the direction of the Sisters of

Mercy

Michigan Happenings

Capt. Joseph Valentine, keeper of the lighthouse at Hammons Bay, near Rogers, for years, having been the first appointee to that post and retaining it until his retirement a few years ago, died recently at his home in Rogers. Capt. Valentine was known the length and breadth of the Great Lakes and widely respected. He was a member of various Masonic fraternities, including Masonic Temple, of Detroit. Many retired captains of life saving stations on the Great Lakes attended his funeral.

Farmers' Week at the Michigan Agricultural College which has come to be the biggest annual agricultural conference of farmers of the state, will be held Feb. 4 to 8, according to the announcement of A. M. Berridge, chairman of the Farmers' Week committee. During recent years the attendance during the week has grown until last year it passed the 5,000 mark. This year the committee is making arrangements to care for an even greater attendance.

Charles Lathrop Pack, of Lakewood, N. J., president of the American Tree Association, has offered to give the University of Michigan a fund of \$1,000, proceeds of which will be used as a prize for forestry students, the faculty of the forestry department to make suggestions for administration of the prize. The donor's father, George W. Pack, was elected regent of the university in 1883 and served as one of the presidential electors for Lincoln.

Twenty-seven thousand acres of land in Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties became the property of F. C. Browne, of Chicago, through his purchase of the Black River ranch. The ranch comprises some of northern Michigan's wildest land, the habitat of considerable large game. Black bear, deer, wolves and coyotes are said to be plentiful within its boundaries.

J. F. Collins, vice-president and general manager of the Michigan Electric Railway Co., successor to the M. U. R., announced recently that fast passenger buses and freight trucks have been authorized to connect its lines with Flint from Owosso. Two freight cars and 15 trailers will be added to the service and a \$50,000 freight station will be built at Lansing.

Notwithstanding that Hart County has seven large canning factories, they can consume only a small part of the large fruit crop that is annually grown near here. A dozen prominent growers, meeting here, considered the building of a new factory to be run on the co-operative plan. A sum has been pledged sufficient to assure the construction of a \$60,000 plant.

Henry Harrison Harper, 54 years old, Pleasant Lake farmer, dropped dead while cutting wood near Lake Mitchell recently. His stepson, 17 years old, dragged the body to the auto and started for this city, supporting the body upright on the front seat. The boy didn't know his father was dead until he arrived at Cadillac.

Sinking deeper and deeper as he struggled to free himself from the mire in Big Lake, near Diamond Springs, Jacob Smith, 17 years old, a duck hunter, sank until his head disappeared under the water. The body was found in a standing position by a hunter who noticed an overturned boat and investigated.

Dr. Frank Hollsworth, of Tawas City, was elected president of the Northwestern Clinical Society at a meeting held at Cadillac. The other officers are: Dr. J. W. Guntlett, vice-president and Dr. F. C. Swartz, secretary and treasurer. All the officers are from Traverse City.

Completing his fourteenth year on the bench of the United States circuit court of appeals and attaining his seventieth year, Judge Loyal E. Knapp, of Grand Rapids, will retire soon according to an announcement at Grand Rapids last week.

Fire destroyed five buildings in the business section of Sherwood last week. Among the buildings destroyed were the postoffice and the telephone exchange. The local fire department was assisted by firemen from Colon and Union City.

Calhoun County Agricultural Society directors have voted to erect agricultural and horticultural buildings 100 by 40 feet and to build new horse-barns for the seventy-sixth annual fair to be held at Marshall next fall.

Pansies blooming in an open door yard were displayed here last week by Mrs. Charles Shaw, of Pontiac. The blooms were as large and perfect as those of summer.

Announcement was made by the controller of the currency that a charter has been issued to the Reed City National bank, here, which has been converted from a Commercial Savings bank of the same place. Its capital is \$25,000. O. W. Clark is president and E. G. Wurn cashier.

Four hundred and sixty-four car-loads of fruit have been shipped from Hart so far this season and more than 1,200 cars have left Oceana County.

John Young, of Alpena, shot a white fox while hunting on Little Wolf Creek last week. The fox is a fine specimen with a coat of fur thicker than that of the red or black fox. It is larger. As far as can be learned, this is the first white fox

PASSING of the JULIAN CALENDAR

1924 FINDS ALMOST ALL THE WORLD KEEPING THE SAME TIME



OLD CATHEDRAL AT SOFIA
Photo by Underwood & Underwood

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

YOU do not have to be the seventh son of a seventh son to venture the modest prophecy that the year A. D. 1924 is quite likely to be a rather stirring and important year. In fact, it looks as if almost anything may happen—excepting always the usual and expected.

But the fume of 1924 is secure, even if nothing out of the ordinary does happen. It will go down to history as the first year since 1852 in which practically all of the civilized world kept the same time.

In short, 1924 sees abandonment of the Julian calendar by the Eastern Orthodox Christians and their adoption of the Gregorian calendar. This means that the whole civilized world, with the exception of about eight million Unitarians, is marching in step behind old Caesar. Time with his hour glass and scythe.

The Hillsdale country fair board has announced it has granted the HICL Dale Chamber of Commerce the right to equip a portion of the fair-grounds for tourists' camp purposes. Because of the convenience of city gas and water, it is proposed to have a modern sanitary camp, with shower-baths, toilet and cooking facilities.

The Rev. Fr. T. J. Ryan, 65 years old, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, at Pontiac, died last week. He has been pastor for 30 years and was the first pastor to die at St. Vincent's. During his pastorate he has established a large school, convent, parish community house and campus.

James J. Hitchings, pioneer lumberman and merchant in Petoskey, and former city marshal and deputy sheriff, died last week, following a year's illness. He came here in 1876 from Clayton, Mich. His family has been closely associated with the growth and development of this region.

Sheriff Peter D. Rogers of Flint, in keeping the prisoners committed to his charge at the county jail, has established a record for efficiency and economy thought to be unequalled in any other similar institution in the state, serving two good meals for thirteen cents.

T. A. Farrish, 71 years old, horticulture specialist in the extension department of the Michigan Agricultural college, Lansing, died in Detroit hospital last week. He was secretary of the Michigan Horticultural association.

For the first time in the history of northern Michigan an effort is to be made to keep highways open all winter. A campaign was put on at Cadillac to raise enough money to buy snow-fighting equipment and build snow fences.

An investigation into charges that state lands are being shorn of their evergreen growth and that the state forest conservation policy is endangered by the Christmas tree traffic has been ordered by Governor Groesbeck.

Mrs. Susannah Rannels, the first Battle Creek woman to register for voting, observed the one hundred and first anniversary of her birth quietly at her home recently.

First definite action toward an investigation of the possibility of supplying cheap current for farmers of Michigan was taken at a meeting of the special committee of the Michigan public utilities commission appointed for the purpose of probing the cost of furnishing electric power to the rural communities.

By a vote of 10 to 8 supervisors at Monroe elected Dr. A. Degroot, D. M. V., as veterinarian of Monroe county. The position is for one year.

Having served 30 years with one firm in Three Rivers, Murray J. Russ, office manager, has been retired on pension. Mr. Russ for 24 years has been a member of the board of education of which he is president now.

The Grandville Methodist Episcopal congregation, one of the oldest Protestant groups in the Grand river valley, made farewell to its old church building with simple services recent. The new church having been dedicated last week.

John Young, of Alpena, shot a white fox while hunting on Little Wolf Creek last week. The fox is a fine specimen with a coat of fur thicker than that of the red or black fox.

It is larger. As far as can be learned, this is the first white fox

calculated that the earth revolves about the sun in 26 seconds less than the measure in the Gregorian calendar. This would put the calendar out of step with the sun one day in every three thousand years. So the congress insisted that there must be no February 29 when the year 2000 comes around. Archbishop Valdios, metropolitan of Methymna, who recently called on President Coolidge, is a Greek churchman type.

"Everybody out of step except father," say the Ruthenian Catholics, known in Europe as the Uniates. It

appears that these people of the Russian Ukraine and adjacent Ruthenia

do not love their neighbors and do not

take kindly to their religions, so they

object to celebrating the feast days of

their church simultaneously with these

same neighbors. There are some eight

millions of these Uniates, it is esti-

mated, including half a million in the

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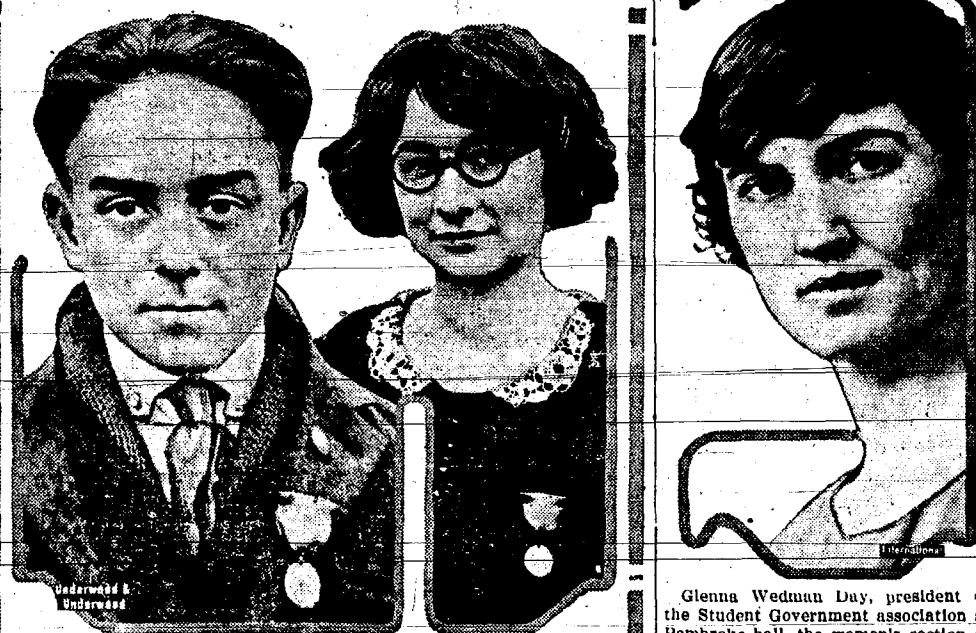
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Wreck of the Twentieth Century in Which 9 Were Killed



View of the wreck of the Twentieth Century train on the New York Central at Forsythe, N. Y., in which nine persons were killed and two score injured. One section of the train hit an automobile and stopped, and another section crashed into it.

Two Youthful Champions of Ohio



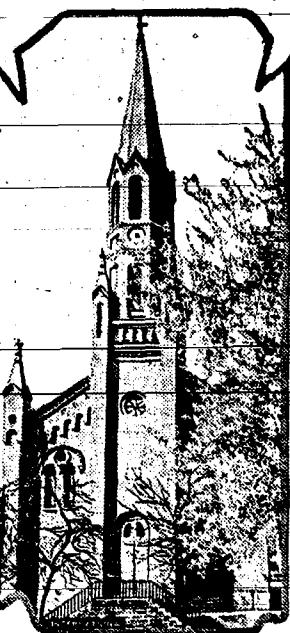
Delbert Mowery, aged fourteen, of Fayette county, is the champion pig club member of the state of Ohio, having raised a Poland China sow from 65 pounds to 227 pounds in 84 days, at a feed cost of \$5.27—producing 150 pounds of live pork at a cost of 5 and two-tenths cents a pound, with hogs averaging 7 cents a pound. Madeline Fleisch, aged sixteen, of Preble county, is the clothing club champion of the state, having made five dresses and four other garments, and invented 20 garments.

ADVOCATE OF FAGS



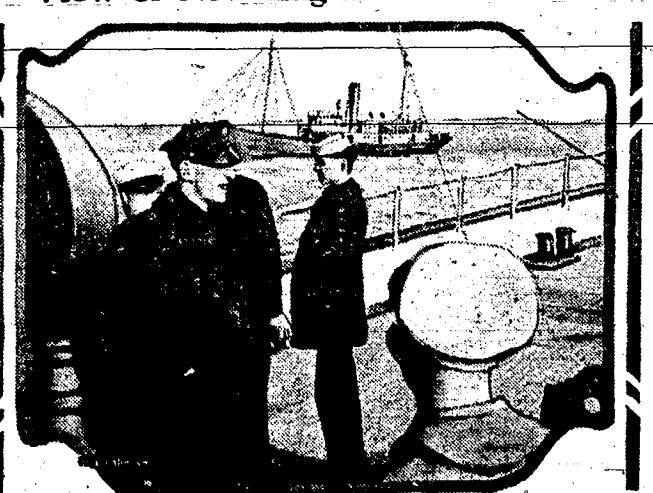
Glenna Wedmann Day, president of the Student Government association at Pembroke hall, the women's section of Brown university, Providence, R. I., is gathering signatures to a petition asking the faculty to provide a smoking room for the girl students, as well as to grant them permission to puff cigarettes on the campus.

OLD CHURCH CELEBRATES



This German Methodist church at Belleville, Ill., chartered in 1848, the oldest of its denomination in the United States, has just celebrated its diamond jubilee. One of the charter members, Conrad Kline, ninety-one, still lives.

View of New England's Rum Row



New England, not to be outdone by New Jersey, also has a rum row off its coast. This photograph was taken on board one of the liquor-running vessels that were waiting outside the twelve-mile limit for customers.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

The average length of the human windpipe is four and one-half inches.

Whales and porpoises alone among mammals are destitute of half.

The Victoria Cross was awarded to 71 Canadians in the World war.

Manitoba lake, in Canada, is 120 miles in length and 28 miles wide.

Less than 15 per cent of the population of France earn more than \$600 a year.

More than 10,000 books were published in England last year.

The Mohammedan empire in India was founded in 620.

Prior to 1848 the United States had very little gold coin.

The skull of a mastodon found in Ohio weighed 300 pounds.

The first modern steel frame office building in Japan was constructed in 1920.

FRANCE'S SMALLEST FEET



Above are pictured the smallest and most perfect feet in all France. Mme. Martinis, wife of the well-known Paris financier, is the possessor of the prize foot, which is hardly six inches long and is comfortably fitted with a size one and a half shoe.

Sure, He Was Thankful.
I have just called in to say how much I appreciate your treatment, doctor."

"But I am not your doctor, young man!"

"No. But you were my old uncle's and I am his heir!"—Karikaturen (Christiania).

Must Be Ravenous.

She—"Why do you paint the inside of a 'chicken coop'?" He—"To keep the hens from picking the grain out of the wood."—Answers.

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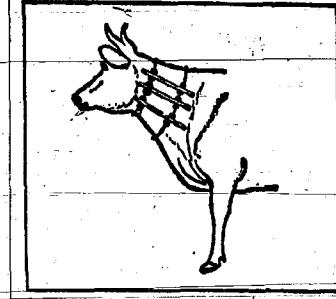
DAIRY HINTS

Device to Prevent Cow

From Sucking Herself

It is annoying to say the least when a cow contracts the habit of robbing her own dairy and how best to stop the vice is a problem. In some instances where a cow shows a marked shrink in milk and is not seen to suck herself we have found that the robbing was being done by a calf, or even a yearling, on pasture. The usual treatment in such a case is to put a spiked halter on the robber calf, says a writer in the *Successful Farming*. Such a contrivance is objectionable in that injuries to the udder may result. The better plan is to prevent the thieving calf from getting at the cow. In another instance campers on the lake at the far side of the farm were doing the robbing, so investigation is necessary in all such cases.

When a cow sucks herself there are various methods of prevention, each of which has its advocates. We have often had good results from simply putting an old horse collar upside down on the cow's neck. A "necklace" of pointed lath or small pickets as shown in the illustration proves effective. It is made as follows: Take six pieces of round, light wood about twelve inches long and one and one-half inches in diameter, or pieces of strong lath of similar length, and with small cord passed through holes bored



"Necklace" Prevents Cow From Sucking Herself.

In the round sticks, or tied around the laths, weave them to form an open fence-like necklace to be placed around the cow's neck and secured there by tying together the free ends of the cords. When the cow turns to suck herself the sticks will prevent. Another good plan is to place a strong halter on the neck and a surcingle around the body just behind the elbows. Then put a snap-hook in one end of a piece of fork or broom handle and a ring in the other. Now snap the hook into the hanging ring of the halter, pass the stick between the forelegs and attach the ring in its end to the surcingle, or pass the rope or strap of the surcingle through the ring of the stick. This will stop self-sucking but not prevent eating.

A simpler plan is to put a bull ring in the cow's nose and hang another ring from the first one. That usually works well. If not, then put a common straight bridle bit in the mouth and hold it loosely in place by means of a halter. One man suggests greasing the teeth with lard and then sprinkling freely with red pepper. That discourages the cow from sucking herself or being sucked by a calf. A somewhat cruel preventive measure is to put some hog rings in the cow's lips and the latest suggestion, which we do not care to recommend, is to put the rings in the tip of the cow's tongue.

The old-fashioned plan of splitting the cow's tongue for a distance of one and one-half to two inches from its tip has of recent years been improved upon by trained veterinarians who perform the operation according to modern methods of surgery and in such a way as to prevent undue suffering and insure against infection.

Superior Formula Given to Treat Garget in Cow

Garget often causes considerable loss in the herd. When an animal is found to be suffering from this trouble she should be milked after the remainder of the herd, as the disease may be carried on the hands. After milking, the hands should be washed with a good disinfectant. Milk from the diseased quarters should not be milked on the floor, but into a pail and disposed of. Cows suffering from it may be treated with the following mixture, recommended by the Purdue university dairy department.

Mix eight ounces of vaseline, eight ounces of wool fat, two fluid ounces belladonna, two fluid ounces extract poke root; warm and mix. Massage udder thoroughly. Feed one tablespoonful of powdered poke root and one tablespoonful of saltpeter three feeds, stop three feeds and continue again if necessary. Diseased cows should be isolated from the rest of the herd.

Cause of Slimy Milk. Slimy orropy milk is caused by germs that get into the milk after it has been drawn from the cow. It is especially prevalent where cows have access to low, wet pasture, also where cows have access to muddy water.

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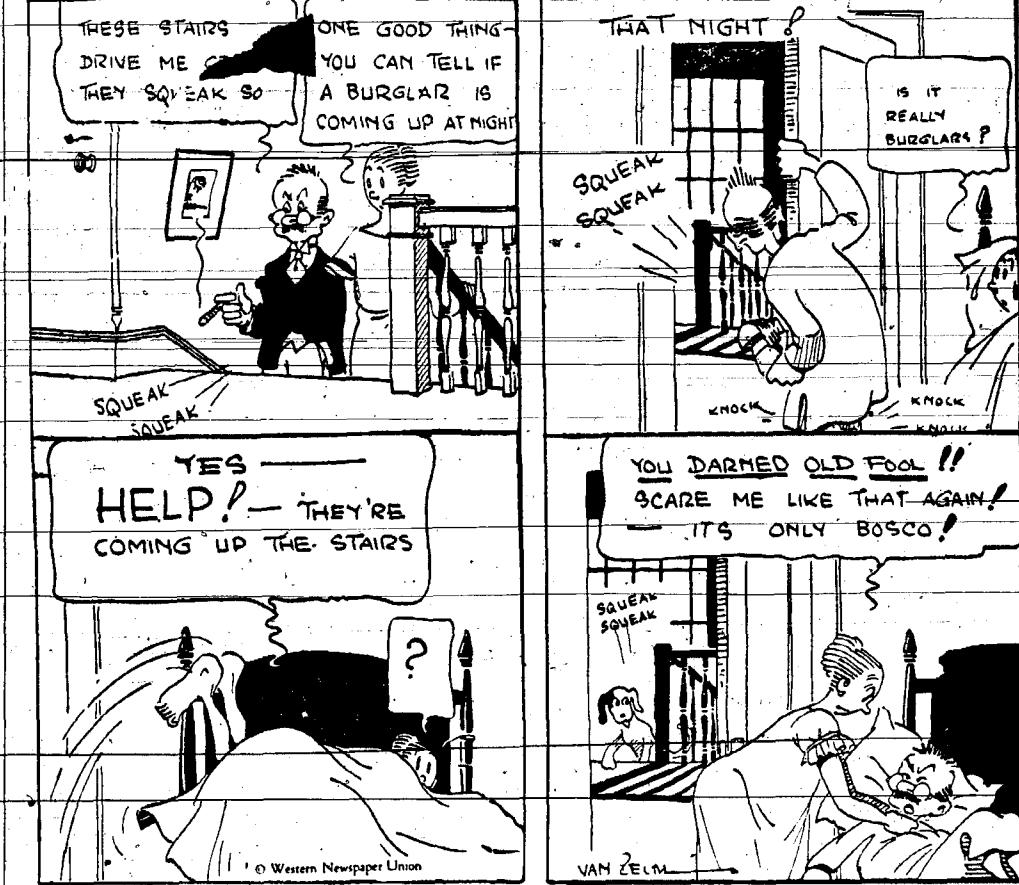
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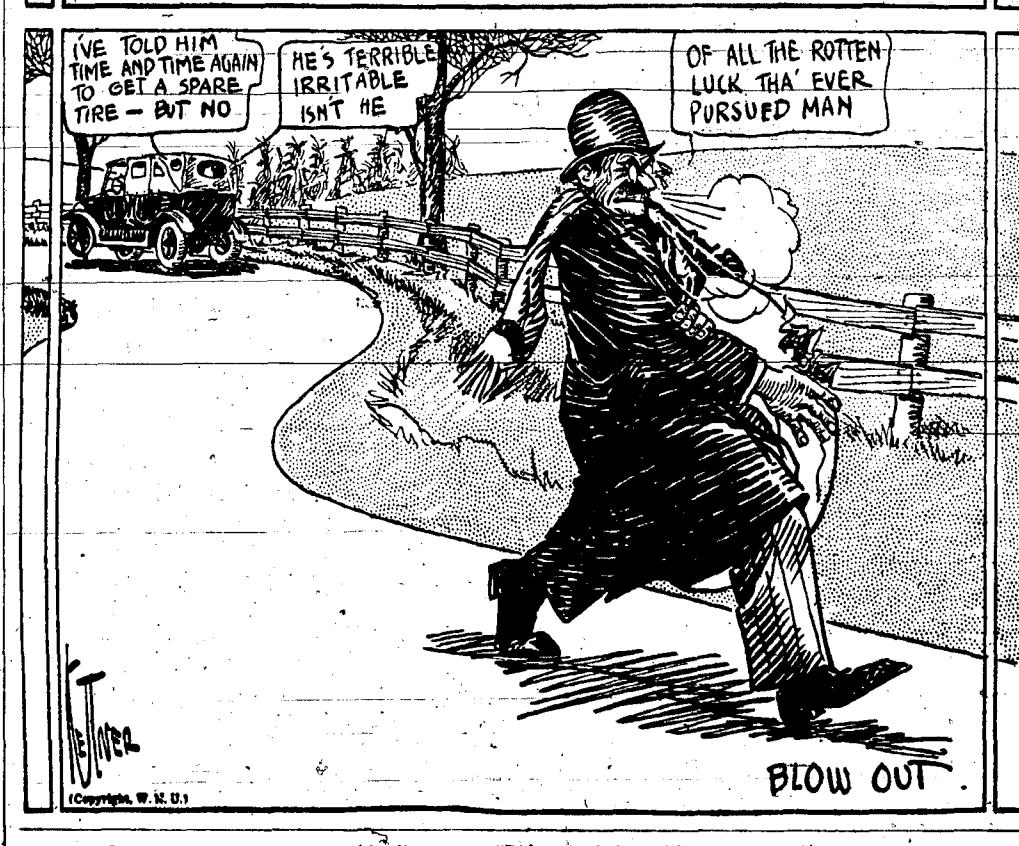
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FARM BUREAU NOTES
R. D. BAILEY
County Agricultural Agent

**LIVESTOCK
LEGUMES
LIMESTONE MEAN PROFITS
IN FARMING**

Money-Making Idea Number 7. Feed milking cows more grain. Use this money-making idea. Prosperity follows the dairy cow. Made Himself a Good Christmas Present.

Mr. John J. McGillis, of County Line Farm, now the owner of five purebred Holsteins, saw on my desk the other day a copy of Eckles' "Dairy Cattle and Milk Production." Glancing it over and seeing some dandy short chapters on Selection of the Cow, Selection of the Bull, Successful Calf Raising, Development of the Lairy Heifer, Water and Salt Requirements, Feeding for Milk Production, Common Ailments of Cattle, he did not say "Damn this book farming." He said: "I think there are some good ideas in here. Get me a copy." He laid the money down for a copy. That copy is now on my desk, ready to be delivered to a young man who is going at it right.

I'll Bet You the Peanuts.

Yes, I'll bet the peanuts that John has formed a vision or plan in his mind to have a herd of a dozen or fifteen large, clean, big producing Holstein cows in a barn that's warm, clean and handy. If so, I say: "Go to it." Don't you? Could he, or any other Crawford County farmer form a better plan about his business?

Can't Raise the Feed.

When I urge farmer after farmer to keep adding two cows to the herd each year until the herd numbers ten or twelve good producers, at least, many of them answer: "Can't raise the feed."

Please excuse me, gentlemen, if I seem to laugh.

Can't raise the feed! That's pretty rich!

Get A' Goin'.

Just "get a goin'", and manage that farm and that manure pile, intelligently, and stop monkeying with potatoes, and there will be no question about raising the feed for ten or a dozen good cows. Then, the first real prosperity will begin to dawn on that farm.

Get Up Steam With Punk.

Just as well try to get up steam

with handfuls of straw, rotten boards, and dozy wood when the men are clamping the bundles into the threshing machine, as to try to do profitable cow keeping, and to bring prosperity to the farm with cows fed on a ration of marsh hay, straw, timothy hay, quack grass hay, cornstalks weathered out for several months, and no grain. Can't be done by any man.

Dried Apples and a Drink of Water. You eat a handful of dried apples and take a big drink of ice water for breakfast, and you will be just about as near fed up to pull your end of a crooked saw all day, as a cow is to do real milk producing on the straw, cornstalk, timothy, quack grass, no grain ration.

Yes, her sides stick out. So will yours on dried apples and water. eeshtttttt

Grain is the Stuff. What you want for your work is bread, meat, beans, etc. What the cow wants to make milk with in a way worth mentioning is legume hay, silage and grain.

Feed Grain. Feed grain to your milking cows—one pound of grain to four pounds of milk. If the cow is not worth the grain, get rid of her. Let's not be married to a poor cow. To make large returns from a cow, a large yearly production must be had. To do this the flow of milk must be kept up ten or eleven months of the year. Each year the cow yields more protein and mineral matter than has been built into the body of a steer during its whole life. At the same time she is storing considerable protein and mineral matter in the development of her unborn calf.

It is evident, then, that the milking cow needs a liberal supply of protein and mineral matter. This hay, quack grass, marsh hay, straw, cornstalks do not contain much protein or mineral matter. No wonder then that cows slack up on milk, or come out in spring skin poor, or die, when fed these and no grain.

Try the Milkman.

The Crawford Cooperative Marketing Association has shipped in an absolutely balanced grain feed for this very purpose, to advance good dairying in our midst. This feed is called "The Milkman." It was prepared on a formula worked out by the Dairy department of our Agricultural College, to try to put the most feed possible into a ton. It even contains the right amount of calcium carbonate (lime) that should be fed the milking cow.

This feed will make milk if the cow is any good. Some cows aren't.

24 Per Cent.

No cow can do her best on a ration carrying less than 20 per cent.

Michigan Milkman is guaranteed to contain 24 per cent protein. Milk contains only 11 per cent protein. What a ton (2000 pounds) of milkman contains:

Ingredient Formula:

200 lbs.—Corn distiller's grains.

260 lbs.—Cottonseed meal—48 per cent.

240 lbs.—Linseed oil meal (O. P.).

100 lbs.—Peanut meal—prime.

500 lbs.—Corn gluten feed.

160 lbs.—Yellow hominy.

100 lbs.—Ground oats.

200 lbs.—Wheat standard bran.

100 lbs.—Wheat standard middlings.

100 lbs.—Molasses (cane).

20 lbs.—Salt.

20 lbs.—Calcium Carbonate.

2000 lbs.—Michigan Milkman. A New Year and a New Chance. A new year and a new chance to forget old mistakes in farm management and to do better is right here. Come up to the little office and see the County Agent. I keep matches and good tobacco there for my friends who smoke. While you are enjoying your pipe, let's plan things out.

Forget your failure:

Forget.

Life is too brief.

To hug regret or hold a hidden grief.

Begin your day-book with a brand-new leaf.

Now sow the Future from a shranken withered sheep.

Forget It.

A satisfactory amount of prosperity is possible for every Crawford County farm home, whose head will intelligently take hold of opportunities that are here.

Agent in preparing for the season inviting you to use your County and the success of 1924, I wish my farmer friends a Happy New Year.

TIPS FOR TAXPAYERS.

January 1, 1924, marks the beginning of the period for filing income tax return for the year 1923. The period ends at midnight of March 15, 1924. Heavy penalties are provided by the revenue act for failure or wilful refusal to make return or pay the tax on time.

Form 1040A, heretofore used for reporting net income of \$5,000 and less, from whatever source derived, has been revised in the interests of the largest class of taxpayers—wage earners and salaried persons. Reduced from six pages to a single page, the form 1040A is to be used for an income of \$5,000 and derived chiefly from salaries and wages. Persons in part of whose income is derived from a business or profession, farming, sale of property or rent, though the amount is \$5,000 or less, will be required to use the larger form, 1040. The use of 1040 is required also in all cases where the net income was in excess of \$5,000, regardless of whether from salary, business, profession, or other taxable sources.

It being impossible to determine at this time which form is desired, copies of both forms will be sent taxpayers who filed individual returns for the year 1922, and may be obtained also at the offices of collectors of internal revenue and branch offices upon written request.

Invest your money where you know it will be safe 6 1/2 per cent interest offered. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, Avalanche Office.

BALKAN WAR AGAIN BREWS
JUGO-SLAVIA MASSSES TROOPS AGAINST GREECE—ENVOYS ARE RECALLED.
GREEK GOVERNMENT IN CHAOS

Queen Marie of Rumania is Without Question the Ruling Spirit in the Group of States.

Athens—Another Balkan war is brewing and Jugo-Slavia was reported Sunday to be concentrating forces on the border between Greece and Serbia, and to be on the verge of recalling her minister to Athens and breaking off relations.

Members of the government denied the report concerning Jugo-Slavia troop movements, but it was authoritatively stated that an open break between Serbia and Greece is likely to occur.

Following the action of Rumania in recalling her minister to Greece, and severing relations, the Jugo-Slavia action makes matters doubly embarrassing for Greece.

With her own government in chaos, this country finds its Balkan neighbor in a hostile attitude at a time when Greece can ill afford to make enemies.

The break with Jugo-Slavia if it comes will be accredited here to the same cause as that which precipitated the severing of relations with Rumania.

Queen Marie of Rumania, "Queen mother of the Balkans," is without question the ruling spirit of the little group of states. Queen Elizabeth of Greece, expelled with King George, last week is her eldest daughter.

Marie's fine Rumanian hand is seen behind the sudden antipathy of the Balkan states toward Greece.

It is not yet known here whether the recall of the Rumanian minister Saturday means a permanent rupture of relations, but it is considered probable that the breach will be of some duration, lasting at least until Greece decides what her next government is to be.

STATE FREIGHT RATES TO DROP

Order of I. C. C. is Victory for Michigan Shippers.

"You may beg all you want. I won't beg you. Dozens have begged for them, with the same result."

"Then you've never been kissed?"

"I won't say that."

CLUMSY THINGS

State of Michigan, County of Crawford.

Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$4.65. Tax for year 1917.

Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$5.15. Tax for year 1918.

West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$7.49. Tax for year 1916.

South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$8.30. Tax for year 1917.

South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$9.25. Tax for year 1918.

Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$4.26. Tax for year 1916.

Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$7.49. Tax for year 1916.

South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$6.30. Tax for year 1917.

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West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$7.67. Tax for year 1917.

West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$12.48. Tax for year 1918.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$25.74 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Henry A. Bauman.

Place of business, Grayling, Mich.

To Ebenezer J. Wright and James Davidson, last grantees in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

State of Michigan.

County of Crawford.

I do hereby certify and return, that the within notice was delivered to me for service on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1923, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of Ebenezer J. Wright and James Davidson or of either of them, the persons appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, to be the last grantees in the regular chain of title to the within described lands at the said date of the said delivery of such notice to me for service but am reliably informed that they are both dead or of the heirs of said grantees or of either of them, or mortgages, or assignees, or whereabouts or the postoffice address of the executors, administrators, trustees, or guardians of such grantees, mortgages or assignees upon the foregoing described land.

Peter F. Jorgenson.

Sheriff of said County.

Dated Nov. 27, 1923.

My fees, \$11.29.

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